

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 122**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio**

January 10, 2007

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An act to add Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 20600) to Division 20 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 122, as introduced, Solorio. Voter intimidation: candidate notification.

Existing law prohibits certain activities intended to compel a person to vote or dissuade a person from voting. Violation of these provisions is a felony.

This bill would require an elections official to give an individual a copy of the provisions of law that prohibit voter intimidation and voter fraud and the penalties for violating those provisions of law at the time that the individual is issued his or her declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office. This bill also would require the Secretary of State to print and make available to elections officials, as specified, the provisions of law that prohibit voter intimidation and voter fraud.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 20600) is  
2     added to Division 20 of the Elections Code, to read:

1 CHAPTER 7. VOTER INTIMIDATION AND VOTER FRAUD PENALTY  
2 NOTIFICATION  
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4 20600. At the time an individual is issued his or her declaration  
5 of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing  
6 an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official  
7 shall give the individual a copy of the provisions of law that  
8 prohibit voter intimidation and voter fraud and the penalties for  
9 violating those provisions of law, including but not limited to,  
10 Section 14240 and Sections 18540 to 18546, inclusive.

11 20601. The Secretary of State shall print, or cause to be printed,  
12 copies of the provisions of law that prohibit voter intimidation and  
13 voter fraud and the penalties for violating those provisions of law.  
14 The Secretary of State shall provide the copies to the elections  
15 officials in quantities, and at times requested by the elections  
16 officials.